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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL GIFT

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1. WITH REGARD SIX SKI JACKETS (SEE REFTTEL), INTENDED AS GIFTS FOR PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD AND FOUR FORD CHILDREN, SUBSEQUENT EMBASSY INQUIRY HAS ESTABLISHED THAT MR. LEE (LEE, UN TAK, DIRECTOR OF BUREAU OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY) WAS ACTING ON BEHALF OF BLUE HOUSE. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY BLUE HOUSE PROTOCOL OFFICE THAT SKI JACKETS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS GIFTS FROM MR. CHO, SANG HO, SENIOR PROTOCOL SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT. IDEA FOR THESE GIFTS APPARENTLY DEVELOPED AS RESULT COMMENT OF JOHN GILDEA, CHIEF OF WHITE HOUSE ADVANCE TEAM, TO BLUE HOUSE PROTOCOL OFFICER THAT PRESIDENT FORD HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN KOREAN SKI JACKETS/SWEATERS.
2. DRAFT LETTERS OF APPRECIATION/ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PREPARED BY EMBASSY AND FURNISHED DEPT. PROTOCOL OFFICER MARY LOU SHEILS DURING VISIT INCLUDED LETTER ADDRESSED TO CHO EXPRESSING THANKS FOR HIS EFFORTS AS OFFICIAL INTERPRETER. DEPARTMENT MAY WISH AMEND THAT LETTER TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR GIFT OF SKI JAKCETS AS WELL.
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